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SUBJ: GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL): REPORT OF SEPT 6 MEETING

1. MEETING WAS HELD AS SCHEDULED IN US MISSION WITH
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT AND UK IN CHAIR.

2. UK CO-CHAIRMAN ASKED US CO-CHAIRMAN TO REPORT ON
FIRST AGENDA ITEM, INTERPRETATION AT GENEVA GROUP
MEETINGS. US REPORTED THAT DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN HELD
WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR HESSEL WHO AGREED TO DEFRAY
COSTS AT NEXT CL MEETING, AT WHICH TIME PRESUMABLY
THE MATTER OF FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE AN AGENDA
ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PRINCIPALS. STATEMENT
HAD BEEN COORDINATED IN ADVANCE WITH HESSEL IN LIGHT OF
INFORMATION WHICH HAD BEEN TURNED UP BY THE UK
SHOWING THAT IN FORMER YEARS SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION
HAD BEEN PROVIDED AT CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETINGS
(APPARENTLY AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN
DELEGATIONS.) WHILE UK (AND PRESUMABLY US) WOULD NOT
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BE AMENABLE TO RESUMPTION ON THIS BASIS, IT WAS LEFT
THAT COMMON FUNDING POSSIBILITIES FOR SUBSEQUENT
CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETINGS WOULD BE EXPLORED AT SOME
FUTURE POINT. HESSEL DID NOT ADD TO THE US CO-CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT, AND NO OTHER DELEGATION INTERVENED TO COMMENT
ON THE CO-CHAIRMAN'S MORE LIMITED REPORT ON THE
STATUS OF THE INTERPRETATION QUESTION.

3. JAPAN WAS ASKED TO INTRODUCE THE SECOND AGENDA ITEM, THE JIU REPORT ON LANGUAGES, SINCE THEY HAD REQUESTED IT, AS A TOPIC FOR THE SUSPENDED CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING. JAPAN STATED IT DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS, ALTHOUGH ITS POSITION ON THE CORE PROBLEM WAS UNCHANGED. FRANCE, FRG, BELGIUM AND UK MADE COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS ABOUT THE REPORT, AS DID AUSTRALIA WHO WENT ON TO SAY THEY OPPOSED THE USER PAY FORMULA WHICH HAD BEEN INTRODUCED LAST YEAR IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. US ECHOED FRG RHETORICAL QUESTION ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF JIU RECOMMENDATIONS AND, POINTING OUT THAT ARABIC IS ON AGENDA FOR WMO EIGHTH CONGRESS, SUGGESTED THE JIU REPORT BE TAKEN UP BY GENEVA GROUP (WMO).

4. THE THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA, GENEVA GENERAL SERVICE STAFF SALARIES, HAD ALSO BEEN INCLUDED BY JAPAN FOR A CONSULTATIVE LEVEL EXCHANGE. WHILE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 6 MEETING, THEY DID REPORT THAT THEY HAD INFORMATION FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT THE UN TRIBUNAL WOULD REACH A DIFFERENT RECOMMENDATION THAN THE ILO TRIBUNAL. FRG EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO CONTINUE TALKS TO UNDERLINE THE COMMON SYSTEM AND STATED APPRECIATION OF STRONG APPROACH UK AMBASSADOR HAD MADE TO BLANCHARD (GENEVA 13030). (IT WAS REPORTED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE ILO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE STAFF ASSOCIATION HAVE JUST STARTED AND ARE EXPECTED TO END IN OCTOBER JUST BEFORE THE ILO GOVERNING BODY MEETS.) UK CO-CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE GG (ILO) WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS. (COMMENT: DOCUMENTS REQUESTED IN STATE 222448 WERE FORWARDED IN MAY. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A CLEAN SET AND FORWARD DUPLICATE.)

5. THE DISCUSSION ON COORDINATION IN CAPITALS WAS INCONCLUSIVE, SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TOPIC. FRG SUGGESTED THAT THE CANADIAN PAPER WHICH HAD BEEN CIRCULATED MIGHT BE PUT ON AGENDA FOR NEXT CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING AND PERHAPS OTHER MEMBERS COULD DESCRIBE THEIR NATIONAL PROCEDURES. FRANCE COMMENTED ON THE DIFFICULTY OF ACHIEVING INFORMAL COORDINATION IN CAPITALS, POINTING OUT THAT THE VERY COMPLEX PRESENTATIONS OF THE BUDGETS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRE SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR TREASURIES. UK SUGGESTED THAT CAPITALS MIGHT WANT TO DO SHORT PAPERS ON LATTER POINT, AND VOLUNTEERED THEIR WHO SPECIALIST TO LEAD OFF, BUT THOUGHT SAFPBA HAD FAIRLY WELL COVERED IT. US SUGGESTED THAT, IF SAFPBA WERE

DEFICIENT, CAPITALS MIGHT WISH TO PROVIDE CRITIQUES. SHIFTING THE FOCUS ON THE PROBLEM, THE NETHERLANDS MEMBER, SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, MADE A BRIEF CASE FOR SUPPORT OF ACC AS COORDINATING BODY IN UN SYSTEM.

6. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS ITEM, US REFERRED TO MAY REPORT ON KENYA STUDY AND STATEMENT BY SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY WERE DOING SIMILAR STUDIES. US DISTRIBUTED PAPER ON BANGKOK PILOT STUDY OF UN

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THAILAND (PARA 1 OF STATE 223035) AND SOLICITED STATUS REPORTS FROM OTHERS. ALTHOUGH FRENCH AND CANADIAN MEMBERS HAD BEEN ALERTED THAT WE WOULD RAISE THIS SUBJECT, NEITHER THEY NOR OTHERS HAD INFORMATION TO PROVIDE ABOUT PARALLEL NATIONAL EFFORTS. CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE DID APPROACH US AFTER THE MEETING, HOWEVER, TO SOLICIT MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE US PILOT STUDY IN THAILAND.

7. NOTING SIZEABLE INCREASE PROPOSED FOR WMO'S 1980-83 BUDGET, US PROPOSED AN EARLY WMO MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET, USE OF ARABIC LANGUAGE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. US POINTED OUT THERE WAS A REAL RISK IF SECRETARIAT GOT TOO FAR DOWN THE ROAD, SINCE THE BUDGET THEN TENDED TO BE LOCKED IN. US ANNOUNCED US POSITION OF ZERO REAL GROWTH, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE

OTHERS WOULD COME TO A GG (WMO) MEETING PREPARED TO ADDRESS THIS. JAPAN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR RECEIVING THE US POSITION AND AGREED WITH THE POINT ABOUT TIMING FOR A GG (WMO) MEETING. JAPAN ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN
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IN THIS CONNECTION, HOWEVER, ABOUT UNDP CHANGING POSITION ON SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND TRAINING, SAYING THAT JAPAN MAY BE INCLINED TO SUPPORT INCREASES IN REGULAR BUDGETS TO COVER PROGRAMS THAT MAY BE ENDANGERED. IT WAS AGREED THAT GG (WMO) MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 4.

8. FRG INDICATED THE NEED FOR COORDINATION ON FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS BEFORE WIPO MEETING BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25. IT WAS AGREED THAT GG (WIPO) MEETING, INCLUDING DELEGATES, WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 25 (WITH THE TIME AND PLACE TO BE SET BY CO-CHAIRMEN).

9. US POINTED OUT THAT US AND UK ARE THE ONLY GG MEMBERS OF THE WHO PROGRAM COMMITTEE WHICH WILL MEET IN NOVEMBER, AND THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR GG (WMO) TO MEET BEFORE THEN SO THAT OTHER MEMBERS COULD STATE THEIR VIEWS FOR REFLECTION BY US AND UK. FRG INDICATED THAT MAJOR ITEM OF GG CONCERN WOULD BE REPORT ON CURRENCY OF ACCOUNT AND SUGGESTED EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE, THEREFORE, TO ASSURE THAT SECRETARIAT PAPER IS IN HANDS OF CAPITALS BEFORE THE GG (WMO) MEETING. IT WAS LEFT THAT MEETING WOULD BE SCHEDULED ONCE PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS REPORT IS KNOWN.
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